CHAPTER 64 THE DISMANTLING OF KANATA

100 SIGHTS OF SIDONIA PART 49
HIGGS CHANNEL CONNECTION TERMINAL

STARTING THE DISMANT-LING OF THE CHIMERA NO.2 "KANATA".

RELEASE THE SAFETY LOCKS!

CONFIRM ALL CONNEC-TIONS WITH THE REMOTE CONTROL CHANNELS.

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EMITTER

CONTROL STAKE

TRUE BODY

TRUE BODY DESTRUCTION DEVICE

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THE DETO-
NATOR OF
THE TRUE
BODY
DESTRUC-
TION
DEVICE.

CLOSE
IT!
HURRY
UP!

WHAT
ARE YOU
DOING!!

HUH!?

NO
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TION...
IT'S
STRAN-
GE.

WHAT'S
WRONG?

IT
WON'T
ACCEPT
OUR
COM-
MANDS!

THE
HATCH
OF THE
SECOND
HANGAR
IS OPE-
NING!

WHAT!?

BEEP
BEEP

SFX: "BYUOOO"

SFX: "GOGON"

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SFX: "BUTCH" (BREAK)

…THIS IS IMPOSSIBLE… …HURRY UP… STOP IT, OTHERWISE…

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T-THE CONTROL STAKE IS BEING PULLED OUT!

SFX: "GOGON" "GON"

IT CAN ONLY BE CON-TROLLED FROM HERE!

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WHY!?

SFX: "BEEP BEEP"

AH! IT WON'T STOP!

IT WON'T ACCEPT OUR COM-MANDS!

HUH?! LIFT NO.2 IS RISING!

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WH-WHAT ARE YOU DOING!?

NO WAY!! WHAT THE FUCK!!

SFX: "CLACK CLACK"

SFX: "DOPA"

SFX: "GONG"

THEY'RE DEMANDING THE DEPLOY-MENT OF GUARDIANS AT THE OUTER HULL OF THE KUNATO DEVELOP-MENT!

EMERGENCY CALL FROM THE SHINA-TOSE LAB!

THIS IS HQ. WHAT'S GOING ON THERE!?

WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT!?

A GRAVITATIONAL BEAM EMITTER MADE WITH PLACENTA!!? IS THERE ANOTHER UNIT BESIDES THE ONE BUILT BY TOHA HEAVY INDUSTRIES!?

IT HAS A GRAVITA-TIONAL BEAM EMITTER MADE WITH PLACENTA ON ITS HEAD!

I'LL EXPLAIN LATER! HURRY! DESTROY IT BY ALL MEANS!

YURE AND SASAKI, BOTH OF YOU ASSIST WITH THE MISSION.

LIFT THE BAN ON ALL THE INFOR-MATION CONCERNING THE 2ND CHIMERA.

SFX: *GAGON*

CAPTAIN!

TO ALL GUARDIANS ON DUTY, EQUIP THE SUPER HIGH SPEED SHELL ACCELERATION DEVICE AND RUSH TO THE SITE!

HURRY UP!! YOU CAN KILL IT BY DESTROYING THE TRUE BODY, JUST LIKE A GAUNA!!

THE CHIMERA NO.2!?

THE CHIMERA NO.2 WAS SEALED BECAUSE WE COULD'T CONTROL IT. BUT IT WAS UNLEASHED ON PURPOSE, BY A LAB MEMBER!

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NO.2... SINCE WHEN...?

A CHIME-RA...

SFX: "KEEEEEE"

TARGET CONFIR-MED!!

FIRE!!

SFX: *SHAKING*

WE FAILED TO DESTROY IT!!

THOUGH THE PIERCING ROUND MUST HAVE HIT IT!

YOU MEAN IT'S A MEGA-STRUCTURE!!?

THIS STRUCTURE IS WHAT WE MADE THROUGH IMPROVEMENTS TO THE WEAK POINTS OF GAUNA'S TRUE BODY SHELL...

DOCTOR! THAT SHELL IS NOT THE GAUNA'S TRUE BODY SHELL!

YOU SAID THE CHIMERA DIDN'T HAVE A SHELL COVERING THE TRUE BODY, DIDN'T YOU!?

WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT, SHINA-TOSE!

I TRIED COUNTLESS TIMES WITH KUNATO-KUN BUT WE NEVER COULD SUCCEED...

N-NO WAY... WHY? A CHIMERA CAN'T CREATE THE MEGA-STRUCTURE...

USE THE GRAVI-TATIONAL BEAM EMITTER THEN.

THAT MEANS... KABI IS INEFFEC-TIVE?

BESIDES, WITH THE HIGGS SIDONIA CAN PROVIDE, IT WILL NOT DO MUCH UNLESS WE FIRE IT AT REALLY CLOSE RANGE.

IT DOESN'T HAVE A SHELL. THE BODY IS NAKED! JUST ONE HIT FROM A PIECE OF DEBRIS CAN DESTROY IT!

CAPTAIN! THAT'S STILL INCOM-PLETE!

JUST WHEN THE FINAL BATTLE WITH THE LARGE MASS UNION SHIP IS AROUND THE CORNER... FOR FUCK'S SAKE!

TEAM SAMARI AND TSUMUGI, GUARD THE TOHA HEAVY INDUSTRIES' GRAVITATIONAL BEAM EMITTER. TEAM TANIKAZE, DEAL WITH THE CHIMERA!

PRE-PARE IT.

IF WE DON'T USE IT NOW, WE WILL NEVER GET ANOTHER CHANCE TO USE IT.

HURRY UP, TSURUUCHI! THIS IS NO TIME FOR JOKING AROUND!

AND IT HAS A GRAVITA-TIONAL BEAM EMITTER MADE WITH PLACENTA!?

CHIMERA NO.2, WHICH HAD BEEN DEVELOPED IN ABSO-LUTE SECRECY, WENT BERSERK!?

BAGON

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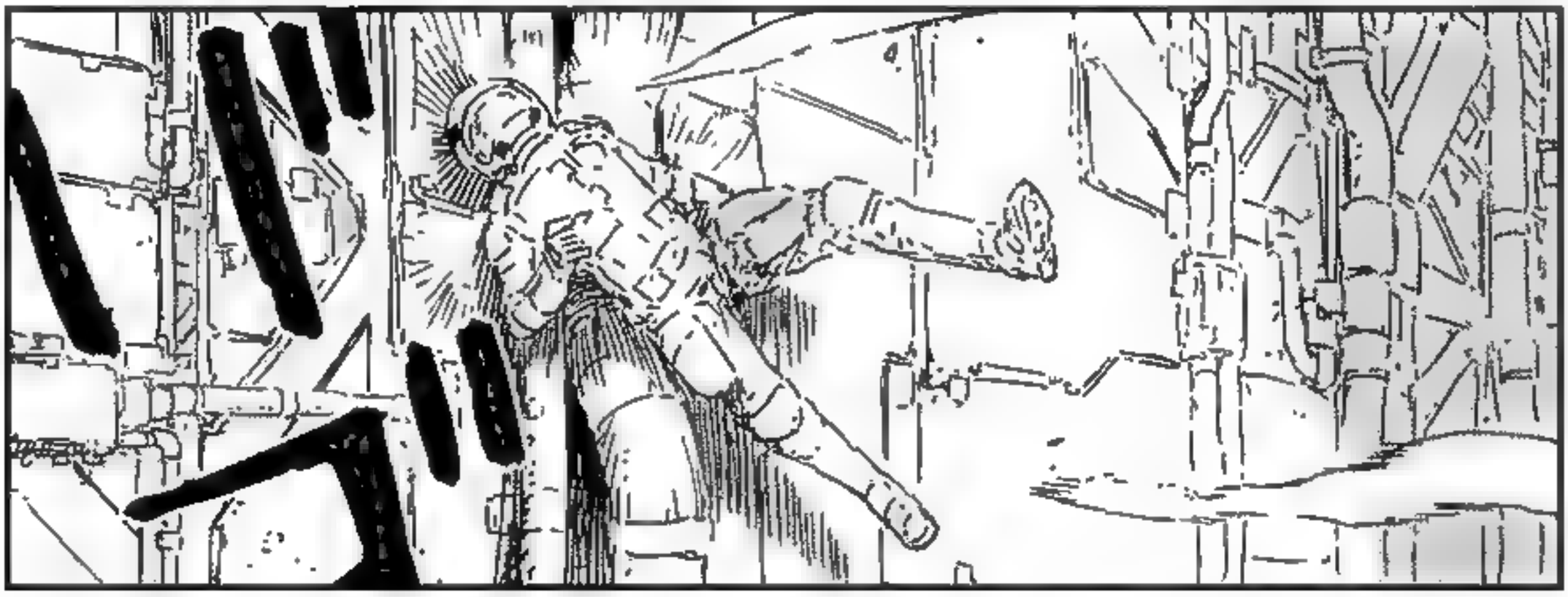

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KAZE-
SAN!!
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A FIRE'S BROKEN OUT AT THE SEVENTH GUARDIAN'S HANGAR!

SFX "WOOOOOOO" "WOOOOOO"

SFX: "GASH"

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IS THAT YOUR UNIT?

WHAT'RE YOU DOING!?

KATCH KATCH KATCH

KATATA

GOOOZ

SOMEONE IS PILOTING THE UNIT 314 WITHOUT PERMISSION!! THEY'VE DESTROYED THE TURRET AND BROKE IN THE SORTIE LANE!

UNIT 314 IS ACTI-VATED!? PLEASE RESPOND!!

THE INNER STRUCTURE SURROUNDING THE COCKPIT WAS DESTROYED. SORTIE IS IMPOSSIBLE! THE PILOT WAS CRITICALLY INJURED!

A GUARDIAN EXPLODED IN THE GUARDIAN'S HANGAR!! TSUGUMORI MK.2 WAS DAMAGED!

WHAT?... THIS IS...

THE EXPLOSION WAS AVOIDED BUT THIS IS BAD!

WE FOUND SOME EXPLO-SIVES SET HERE, TOO.

SEARCH INSIDE THE SHIP THOROUGHLY! MOBILIZE ALL THE CREWS INCLUDING THE NORMAL CIVILIAN CREWS!

THESE TRICKS...

THE SITUATION DOESN'T ALLOW ME TO WAIT. I'M CUTTING OPEN THE HATCH. I'M SORRY!

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IT WON'T OPEN DESPITE ALL OUR EFFORTS! WE ARE INVESTIGATING THE CAUSE! WILL YOU WAIT FOR A WHILE!?

THIS IS TSUMUGI! OPEN THE HATCH TO THE SORTIE DECK, PLEASE!

THANK GOD...

I WAS TOLD HIS LIFE IS NOT IN DANGER.

IZANA-SAN, IS TANIKAZE-SAN OKAY!?

YES... OKAY... PUT IT THROUGH SLOWLY LIKE THIS...

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UWAAAAA!!

WHAT'S THIS?

KANATA IS AWAKENING!!!

MY BODY !!!

WAH!!?

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I KNEW IT! HER TARGET IS THE TOHA HEAVY INDUSTRIES' GRAVITA-TIONAL BEAM EMITTER!!

I HEARD YOU!

HURRY UP! GET INSIDE, MA'AM!

THIS IS THE FINAL WARNING! STOP!

UNIT 314!

THIS IS TEAM SAMARI! UNIT 314 DESTRO-YED!

DAMN!

I'LL TRY TALKING WITH HIM!

TSUMU-GI!?

DON'T PROVOKE IT!!

NO!!

I'LL TAKE OUT AT LEAST THE HEAD!!

HELLO.

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I AM ALSO A CHIMERA JUST LIKE YOU.

MY NAME IS TSUMUGI.

YES.

JUST LIKE ME?

BUT I'M FINE NOW LIKE THIS!

I ONCE LOST ALL MY ARMS AND LEGS.

IT'S OKAY. THEY WILL GROW AGAIN SHORTLY.

JUST WHEN I WAS GLAD I COULD MOVE THEM.

HEY... MY ARMS... WHERE THEY GONE?

REALLY?

IF YOU ARE CONCER-NED, I'LL STAY WITH YOU TILL YOU RE-COVER.

INCRE-DIBLE...

THE EMITTER IS SHRINK-ING!

YEAH, I PROMISE.

I FEEL OKAY NOW...

THANK YOU... TSUMUGI.

WHY DOES HE HAVE TO SUFFER LIKE THIS...?

HE IS STILL A LITTLE CHILD...

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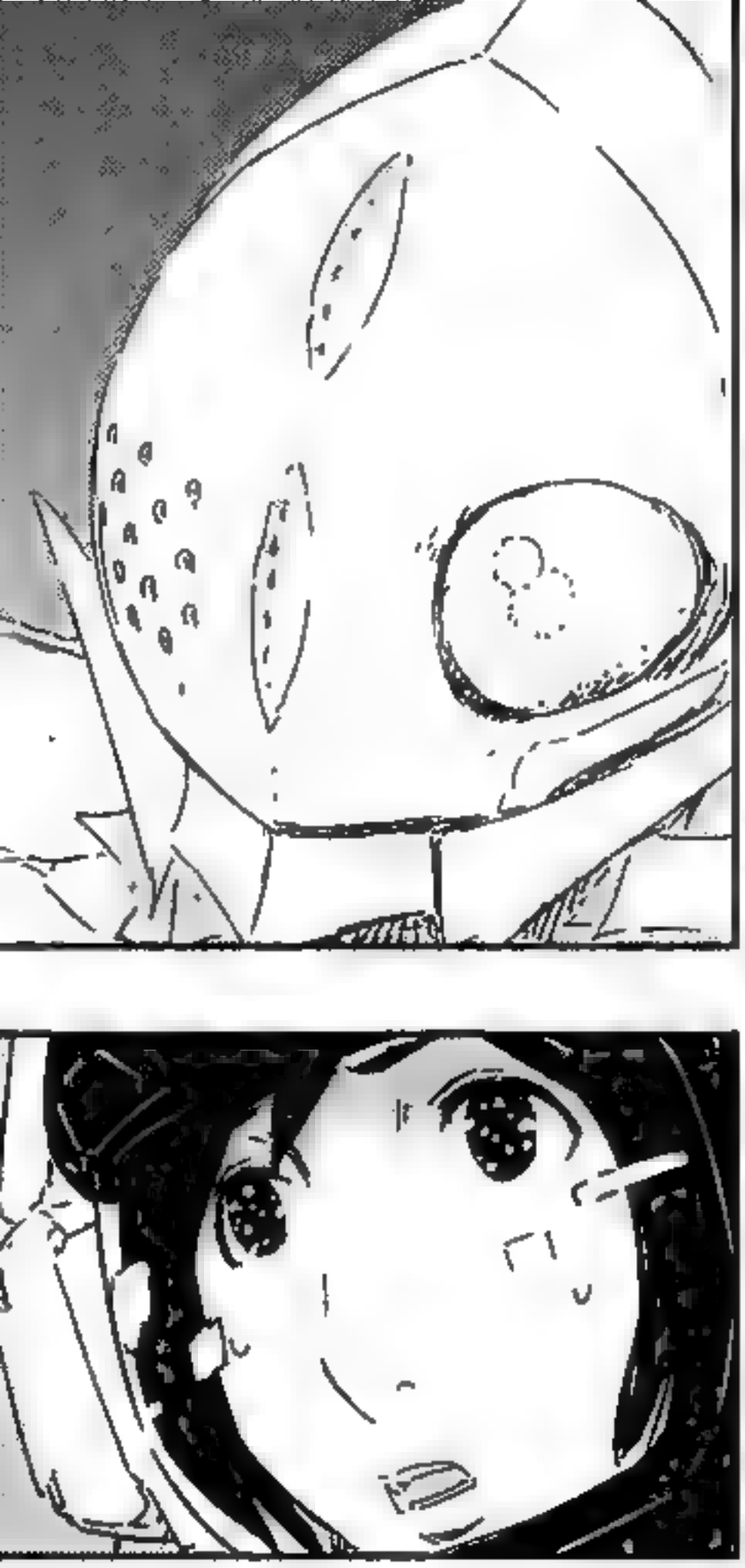

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HE WAS LISTENING TO ME!

WHY!!

A TRUE BODY STILL REMAINS! THERE WERE TWO FROM THE START!

LOOK AT THIS!

SOME TRACES OF PLACENTA STILL REMAIN!

THE FOAMING DISINTE-GRATION STOPPED IN THE MIDDLE!!

WHY!? WE DESTROYED IT FOR SURE!!

IT'LL TAKE 10 HOURS TO FIRE EVEN AT THE WEAKEST OUTPUT!

CAN'T WE FIRE ANOTHER GRAVI-TATIONAL BEAM EMITTER, YET?

IT'S ENCASING ITS ENTIRE BODY WITH IN MEGA-STRUCTU-RE.

THIS IS...!?

NO WAY...

YOU NEED A SPARE FOR SOME-THING IMPOR-TANT.

I ALWAYS TOLD YOU, KOBAYASHI.

THIS VOICE!!

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